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Westminster, August 10.

HIS Majesty came this Day to the House of Peers, and being in his Royal Robes seated on the Throne, with the usual Solemnity, Sir William Sanderson, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, was sent with a Message from His Majesty to the House of Commons, commanding their Attendance in the House of Peers; the Commons being come thither accordingly, His Majesty was pleased to give the Royal Assent to

An Act for making several Provisions to restore the Publick Credit, which suffers by the Frauds and Mismanagements of the late Directors of the South-Sea Company and others.

And to one private Bill.

After which His Majesty was pleased to make the following most gracious Speech to both Houses.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

I am glad that the Business of this and the former Session is at length brought to such a Period, that I have now an Opportunity of giving you some Recess, after the great Pains you have taken in the Service of the Publick.

The common Calamity, occasioned by the wicked Execution of the South-Sea Scheme, was become so very great before your Meeting, that the providing proper Remedies for it was very difficult: But it is a great Comfort to me to observe that Publick Credit now begins to recover; which gives me the greatest Hopes that it will be entirely restored, when all the Provisions you have made for that End shall duly be put in Execution.

I have great Compassion for the Sufferings of the Innocent, and a just Indignation against the Guilty, and have readily given my Assent to such Bills as you have presented to me, for punishing the Authors of our late Misfortunes, and for obtaining the Restitution and Satisfaction due to those who have been injured by them, in such Manner as you judged proper. I was at the same time willing and desirous, by my free and general Pardon, to give Ease and Quiet to the rest of my Subjects, many of whom may, in such a general Infatuation, have been unwarily drawn in to trangress the Laws.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons,

I return you my hearty Thanks for the Supplies you have granted for the current Service of this Year, and particularly for your enabling me to discharge the Debts and Arrears on the Civil List; and to make good the Engagements I was under for procuring Peace in the North, which, in all Probability, will now very soon be concluded. These Instances of your faithful Endeavours to support the Honour and Dignity of the Crown at Home and Abroad, are fresh Marks of your Zeal and Affection to my Person and Government.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

I take this Opportunity of acquainting you, that we have renewed all our Treaties of Commerce with Spain, upon the same Foot as they were settled before the late War, which must necessarily prove an immediate and valuable Advantage to the Trade and Manufactures of this Kingdom.

I earnestly recommend to you all, in your several Stations, to suppress Prophaneness and Immorality, and to preserve the Peace and Quiet of the Kingdom.

You are all sensible, that the Discontents occasioned by the great Losses that many of my Subjects have sustained, have been industriously raised and inflamed by malicious and seditious Libels; but I make no doubt but that by your prudent Conduct in your several Countries, all the Enemies of my Government, who flattered themselves they should be able to take Advantage from our Misfortunes, and blow up the Sufferings of my People into popular Discontent and Disaffection, will be disappointed in their wicked Designs and Expectations.

And then the Lord Chancellour, by His Majesty's Command, said,

My Lords and Gentlemen,

HIS Majesty's Royal Will and Pleasure is, that this Parliament be prorogued to *Thursday* the Nineteenth Day of *October* next, to be then here held; and this Parliament is accordingly Prorogued to *Thursday* the Nineteenth Day of *October* next.

St. James's, August 11.

An humble Address of the Stroudwater Clothiers in the County of Glocester, has been presented to His Majesty by the Honourable Henry Berkeley, Esq; Knight of the Shire for that County, introduced by the Right Honourable the Lord Viscount Townshend, one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

Which Address His Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously.

Berne, Aug. 8. The Court of France has ordered all Commerce to be broken off with Germany, the Swiss Cantons, the States of the King of Sardinia, and the Republick of Geneva, though it is not doubted but some Modifications will be soon made in this Matter with regard to the Swiss, especially in the Article of Salt, with which France has in all Times furnished the Cantons for ready Money.

Stockholm, July 19. M. Berkenteyn the Danish Minister arrived here on the 16th in the Evening, but has not yet appeared at Court. Yesterday being the King of Sweden's Name-Day the Court laid aside Mourning, and there was a splendid Appearance of Persons of Quality at Carlberg, and at Night there was a Ball. The Fleets continue still in their former Station at Cappel-Share. Last Week Lieutenant General Trautsfetter set out from hence for Stralsund, of which he is Governour.

Paris,